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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES TO SPONSOR A MAGNET  
SCHOOL AT MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, until the fiscal year  
5 ending June 30, 2003, a local or regional board of education, regional  
6 educational service center or a cooperative arrangement pursuant to  
7 section 10-158a for purposes of an interdistrict magnet school may be  
8 eligible for reimbursement up to the full reasonable cost of any capital  
9 expenditure for the purchase, construction, extension, replacement,  
10 leasing or major alteration of interdistrict magnet school facilities,  
11 including any expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in  
12 accordance with this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,  
13 and each fiscal year thereafter, such entities and the Board of Trustees  
14 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester

15 Community College may be eligible for reimbursement up to ninety-  
 16 five per cent of such cost. To be eligible for reimbursement under this  
 17 section a magnet school construction project shall meet the  
 18 requirements for a school building project established in chapter 173,  
 19 except that the Commissioner of Education may waive any  
 20 requirement in such chapter for good cause. On and after July 1, 1997,  
 21 the commissioner shall approve only applications for reimbursement  
 22 under this section that he finds will reduce racial, ethnic and economic  
 23 isolation.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is  
 25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 26 *passage*):

27 (a) A local or regional board of education, regional educational  
 28 service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
 29 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College, or cooperative  
 30 arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a which transports a child to an  
 31 interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as  
 32 amended by this act, in a town other than the town in which the child  
 33 resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant  
 34 for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.  
 35 The amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the  
 36 number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand two  
 37 hundred dollars. The Department of Education shall provide such  
 38 grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall  
 39 be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional  
 40 educational service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving  
 41 reimbursement under section 10-266m, as amended, for reasonable  
 42 transportation expenses for which such board, service center or  
 43 cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

44 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
 45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 46 *passage*):

47 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
 48 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional  
 49 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of  
 50 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of  
 51 Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements  
 52 pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet  
 53 school programs. If the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
 54 Colleges sponsors an interdistrict magnet school, such sponsorship  
 55 shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter and any regulation  
 56 adopted by the State Board of Education governing local or regional  
 57 boards of education. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict  
 58 magnet school program" means a program which (1) supports racial,  
 59 ethnic and economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality  
 60 curriculum, and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at  
 61 least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does not  
 62 include a regional vocational agriculture school, a regional vocational-  
 63 technical school or a regional special education center. On and after  
 64 July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet  
 65 school program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict  
 66 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a  
 67 participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the  
 68 program. The governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school  
 69 program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A)  
 70 restrict the number of students that may enroll in the program from a  
 71 participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of  
 72 the program, and (B) maintain such a school enrollment that at least  
 73 twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the  
 74 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section  
 75 10-226a, as amended.

76 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the  
 77 general statutes, as amended by section 27 of public act 03-77, is  
 78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 79 *passage*):

80 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply  
 81 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this  
 82 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project  
 83 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of  
 84 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or  
 85 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to  
 86 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply  
 87 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant  
 88 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be  
 89 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school  
 90 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the  
 91 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the  
 92 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered  
 93 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and  
 94 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for  
 95 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of  
 96 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and  
 97 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
 98 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications  
 99 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-  
 100 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the  
 101 educational needs of the applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
 102 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
 103 Colleges may apply for school construction reimbursement grants  
 104 pursuant to section 10-264h, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>

**HED**

**Joint Favorable C/R**

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